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**THE HUPPES TO SHOW ANAHO ISLAND'S NESTING PELICANS**

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Huppe will present their new slide show, "Anaho Island—The Pelican Island in Pyramid Lake, Nevada", at the Golden Gate Audubon meeting **Thursday, January 11, at 7:30 p.m.** in Lakeside Park's **Garden Center, Vista Room, 666 Bellevue, Oakland, across from Children's Fairyland.**

Last July Charles Huppe visited Anaho Island and made outstanding close-up slides of the nesting activities of the White Pelicans and of the adults' beautiful flight formations. The Huppes have won many awards, medals, ribbons, and honors in photographic competitions. Charles Huppe has 3A ranking and Mrs. Huppe 2A in the Photographic Society of America. In November they gave a slide-and-sound show on "Autumn, and Nature in the High Sierra" for the Sunday Naturalist Program in the Science Center, where they had an overflow audience with all standing room taken.

A no-host dinner will begin at 6:30 at Lovely's Buffet, 336 Grand Ave. at Perkins St.—**MRS. PHYLLIS ZWEIGART, Program Chairman.**

**JANUARY FIELD TRIPS**

**Saturday, January 13,** Dillon's Beach, Marin County, for the study of water birds. Black Brant and loons are fairly common here. Parking fee: \$1.00 per car. Meet at **8:45 a.m.** at the Bank of America in the town of Tomales. Allow 1½ hour driving time from the Bay Area. Leader, Kenneth Schulz.

**Tuesday, January 23,** Lake Merritt, Oakland—a good beginners' trip for the study of ducks. Meet at **9:30 a.m.** at the Rotary Natural Science Center, Lakeside Park, Oakland. Leader, Paul Covell, Oakland's Park Naturalist and Golden Gate Audubon's Conservation Chairman.

**Saturday, January 27,** above trip will be repeated, but meet at **9 a.m.**

**Tuesday, February 6,** and **Saturday, February 10,** to the National Audubon Sanctuary at Richardson Bay. Details will be in February *Gull*. Bring friends, lunch and warm clothing on all field trips.

—**MRS. VALERIA G. DaCOSTA, Field Trips Chairman.**

### AUDUBON WILDLIFE FILM ON JANUARY 3

"High Horizons" is the title of William Ferguson's film in Berkeley on **January 3**—the third personally narrated film of the current season. As reported in the December *Gull*, Mr. Ferguson presents the wildlife and plants of North America's Rocky Mountains. Pipits and brown-capped rosy finches are found in the alpine regions, cony and weasel on the boulder-strewn slopes, and Clark's nutcracker in the tall spruces below timberline. At lower elevations in Colorado other species appear. The photographer-lecturer, William Ferguson, originated *This Curious World*, an educational cartoon syndicated to hundreds of newspapers in the United States and Canada by the NEA Service.

"High Horizons" will begin at **8:15 p.m.** in the Garfield School Auditorium-Theatre, Rose St. at Josephine and Grant Sts. Single admission at the door is \$1.50 for adults and \$1.00 for students under 18. Your ticket purchases help support other activities of the Golden Gate Audubon Society.—MRS. FRANCES ELLEN FALLGATTER, *Audubon Wildlife Films Chairman*.

### OBSERVATIONS

The biggest news for this issue of *The Gull* was the discovery of a *Yellow-billed Loon* (*Gavia adamsii*) by Gerard Brady on December 1 near the Inverness Motel, Tomales Bay. Mr. Brady immediately notified other birders, who observed and photographed the loon and hoped it would remain for the Christmas Count.

Mrs. Valeria DaCosta, our Field Trips Chairman, sent *The Gull* the following list of observations made by her and others where noted: *White Pelicans*—24 on Oct. 28, and 65 on Nov. 5 at Rodeo Lagoon and 20 on Nov. 12 approaching Golden Gate Bridge from San Francisco—Val & Bob DaCosta.

*Pigeon Hawk*—2 on Oct. 22 at Rodeo Lagoon by Val and one Nov. 11 at Palo Alto Yacht Harbor by Val & Bob.

*Amer. Rough-legged Hawk*—1 on Nov. 7 near Drake's Beach by Val and one Nov. 25 at Willows Wildlife Refuge by the DaCostas and Roger Kniss.

*Ferruginous Hawk*—1 on Nov. 24 at Dillon's Beach by Val & Bob.

*Immature Bald Eagle*—Nov. 18 at Merced by Val DaCosta & Roger Kniss.

*Knots*—12 on Nov. 30 at Alameda South Shore by Val & Elsie Roemer.

*Black Tern*—Nov. 5-7 at Rodeo Lagoon by Val & Bob.

*Yellow-shafted Flicker*—Nov. 19 at Rodeo Lagoon by Val & Bob.

*Immature Swamp Sparrow*—Nov. 23 at Rodeo Lagoon by Val & Bob.

*Golden Plovers*—3 on Nov. 24 at Dillon's Beach by Val & Bob.

*Blue-gray Gnatcatchers*—unusual number at Rodeo Lagoon from the end of August through November by Val, Bob, and Glen Ellwood.

From other observers, in checklist order:

*Red-necked Grebe*—Nov. 26 on San Leandro Bay near Alameda dump—Elsie Roemer, and one on Nov. 26 on southwest inlet of Tomales Bay—Paul Covel.

*White Pelicans*—More than 100 on Nov. 15 flew over Bertha Underhill's house in the Berkeley hills.

*Barrow's Goldeneye*—4 on Lake Merritt, Oakland, Nov. 8—Henry Childs, and 1 on Bolinas Lagoon near Canyon Ranch Nov. 13—Alice Williams.

*Rough-legged Hawk*—at Stinson Beach on Nov. 12—Hans Meinhardt.

*Immature Bald Eagle*—at Stinson Beach on Nov. 12—Hans Meinhardt.

*Sandhill Cranes*—Flock of 17 on Nov. 21 circling over Chabot Regional Park near Willow Park Golf Course, western Alameda County—A. Laurence Curl et al.

*Short-eared Owls*—4 on Nov. 7 near Berkeley dump—Jane Dang, Betty Olds, Judy Olson.

*Black-and-White Warbler* (*Mniotilta varia*)—A female on Nov. 12 on the west side of Jewel Lake in Tilden Park, Berkeley—A. Laurence Curl.

*Black-throated Gray Warbler*—On Sept. 28 in Kensington garden—Dr. Herb Wong.

*Red Crossbills*—Nov. 21 near Olema—Mrs. "Bud" Fry and her Tuesday class.

*White-Throated Sparrow*—In Lafayette garden of Harry & Betty Adamson early in November. One in Golden Gate Park Fuchsia Garden Nov. 17—Vi Homem.

*Swamp Sparrow*—early December near Tomales Bay—Gerard Brady.

### **PALO ALTO SALT MARSH TRIPS**

Golden Gate Audubon field trips in the Palo Alto Salt Marsh near the Yacht Harbor were led by Ted Chandik on November 11 and by Vi Homem on November 14. The highlights of the first trip were three Short-eared Owls, a Burrowing Owl, and White-tailed Kites. On the second trip the highlights were three pairs of Blue-winged Teal observed both in flight and on the pools at high tide. (They were near the north Nature Trail where we had found them last February.) Swimming nearby were many Cinnamon Teal and one Green-winged Teal. One Clapper Rail appeared on the north trail and two on the south trail near the refuse area. Late in the afternoon a Clapper Rail dug a mussel from the mud and hammered a hole in the shell, taking about ten minutes to eat it. Ten White Pelicans flew over us in perfect formation—quite a contrast to the Pygmy Blue Butterflies flitting near the saltbushes.

We are grateful to the City Council of Palo Alto for setting aside these marshlands as a wildlife preserve. The Santa Clara Valley Audubon Society maintains an interesting bulletin board near the duck pond and leads many field trips through the salt marsh.

### **AUDUBON CONFERENCE AT ASILOMAR IN APRIL**

Bill Goodall reminds us to save the dates of April 6 through 9 for the National Audubon Western Conference at Asilomar, Pacific Grove, beginning with an International Exhibit of Nature Slides Saturday afternoon and closing with a Conservation Film Festival Tuesday morning.

The opening session of the Conference Saturday evening will be key-noted by Georg Treichel, Director of the Center for Study of General Ecology and Environmental Planning, S.F. State College. His address, "Man



Spins the Cylinders," will introduce the Conference theme—"Playing Russian Roulette with Nature". Sunday morning Dr. Richard E. Warner from the Foundation of Environmental Biology, Berkeley, will discuss "Man and His Wildlife Resources". Mrs. Elizabeth Rudel Gatov, a Director on the National Board of Planned Parenthood-World Population, will speak on problems of "This Crowded Planet". Sunday afternoon Samuel E. Wood, Executive Director, California Tomorrow, will point up critical situations as "California Gambles with Nature", while Norman B. Livermore, Jr., Administrator, The Resources Agency of California, responds with steps being taken to "Reduce the Odds". The Conference dinner and program Sunday evening features Charles H. Callison, Executive Vice-President of National Audubon, presenting "The National Outlook". A special film will conclude his program.

Monday morning will be set aside for trips afield and to sea. An afternoon session devoted to Outdoor Education and Nature Centers offers a panel under the chairmanship of William Penn Mott, Jr., Director, California Dept. of Parks and Recreation. Dr. Joseph J. Shomon, Director Nature Centers Division, National Audubon, will serve as Moderator. Monday night, Roland C. Clement, National Audubon Vice-President, will close the Conference with his address, "Education-The Safe Cylinder".

A unique feature of this Conference is the inclusion of a Film Festival on Tuesday morning showing significant and unusual conservation-oriented films. The Conference is open to Audubon members and non-members alike. Registration forms and further information may be obtained by writing to P.O. Box 3666, El Monte, CA 91733.

#### **U.C. EXTENSION OFFERS CLASSES WITH FIELD TRIPS**

University of California Extension Division will include in-the-field learning in eight classes starting in January. The classes will be in anthropology, botany, zoology, dramatic art and art, and will have lectures, discussions, demonstrations, and field trips. For a complete brochure describing "Daytime Study in the Field", phone 861-5452. Gladys L. Smith will teach "Bontany in the Field" from January 15 to February 26, 9:30 to 12 (\$45). Albert B. Conragan will give a course in "Natural History of California" from January 16 to March 5, 9:30 to 12 (\$45). Classes will meet at U.C. Extension Center, 55 Laguna St., S. F. Enrollment is limited.

Dr. Peter Ames will give a special course in Marin County entitled "Introduction to Field Ornithology". Classes will meet twelve Wednesday evenings at the College of Marin, beginning March 20 and ending June 5. In addition to lectures, films, and laboratory work, there will be six field trips on alternate Saturdays. The fee for the 62 hours of instruction is \$75. For information write Letters and Science Extension, University of California, 2223 Fulton St., Berkeley 94720. The class will be limited in size.

#### **NEW MEMBERS**

We welcome these new members to our Society:

From *Berkeley*, Miss Joan Hilton, Franklin & Margaret McCoy, Mrs. Elizabeth Meyers, Dr. J. D. Pingree, Mrs. Derce Rowland, Mrs. Margaret Seely, Dr. Richard Warner; From *Oakland*, Dr. P. M. Taylor, Michael Tischler;

From *Piedmont*, Mrs. Joseph Townsend; From *San Francisco*, Margaret Cotchett, Mrs. Sidney Kass, Miss Alice Kavanaugh, Dorothy Hallstrom, Charlotte Klock, Della Langeland, Mr. Leslie Matthews, Mrs. Andrew Petrishin, Mrs. Madeleine Russell, Mr. & Mrs. Paul Schagen, Miss Hazel Scott, Mr. and Mrs. James Strong; From *Lafayette*, Roy & Elsie Glotfelty; From *Marshall*, Mrs. Elisabeth Goldschmidt; From *Orinda*, Dr. Mary Contakos; From *El Cerrito*, Mrs. Anna-Brita Siegbahn; From *Concord, N. H.*, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Struckoff; From *Tanzania, E. Africa*, Ahmad H. Kombe.

—MRS. ZELLA CUSHMAN, *Membership Chairman*



### AUDUBON CANYON RANCH, BOLINAS LAGOON

Under joint sponsorship of Golden Gate and Marin

Audubon Societies to protect a major rookery of

Common Egrets and Great Blue Herons.

The following gifts of remembrance were made to Canyon Ranch:

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A gift was made *in honor of* Miss Olga Alpen by Mrs. Phyllis Zweigart.

—DR. ALBERT BOLES, *Sanctuary & Memorial Fund Chairman*,  
854 Longridge Rd., Oakland CA 94610.

Audubon branch presidents, editors, and education chairmen who attended a regional workshop meeting at the Richardson Bay Sanctuary October 28 were rewarded by a gift of three beautiful colored post cards of Audubon Canyon Ranch. They were made from photographs taken by Clerin W. Zumwalt, a Canyon Ranch Naturalist, showing the century-old ranch house, Kent Island in Bolinas Lagoon, and a close-up of a Common Egret landing in a redwood tree.

Last season Marin Audubon Society's Study Section undertook a project on the nesting success of the egrets and herons at Canyon Ranch and the facts are being compiled by Helen Pratt. The study is being continued and expanded to include feeding behavior in Bolinas Lagoon. If you can devote time to this field research, please write Mrs. Philip Pratt, 337 Jean St., Mill Valley, CA 94941.

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